



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs

American Workforce Policy Advisory Board; Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Under Secretary for Economic Affairs announces the second meeting of the American Workforce Policy Advisory Board (Advisory Board). Discussions of the Advisory Board will include its progress toward achieving the goals set at its inaugural meeting on March 6, 2019, as well as other Advisory Board matters. The meeting will take place in Charlotte, N.C. on Tuesday, June 18, 2019.

DATES: The Advisory Board will meet on June 18, 2019; the meeting will begin at 11:15 a.m. and end at approximately 2 p.m. (EDT).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be in the Foundation For The Carolinas, 220 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28202 (<https://www.ffc.org/>). The meeting is open to the public via audio conference technology. Audio instructions will be prominently posted on the Advisory Board homepage at: <https://www.commerce.gov/americanworker/american-workforce-policy-advisory-board>. Please note: The Advisory Board website will maintain the most current information on the meeting agenda, schedule, and location. These items may be updated without further notice in the Federal Register.

The public may also submit statements or questions via the Advisory Board email address,

AmericanWorkforcePolicyAdvisoryBoard@doc.gov (please use the subject line “June 2019

Advisory Board Meeting Public Comment”), or by letter to Sabrina Montes, c/o Office of Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW,

Washington, DC 20230. If you wish the Advisory Board to consider your statement or question during the meeting, we must receive your written statement or question no later than 5 p.m. (EST) four business days prior to the meeting. We will provide all statements or questions received after the deadline to the members; however, they may not consider them during the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sabrina Montes, c/o Office of Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, (301) 278-9268, or sabrina.montes@bea.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary of Commerce and the Advisor to the President overseeing the Office of Economic Initiatives serve as the co-chairs of the Advisory Board. In addition to the co-chairs, the Advisory Board comprises 25 members that represent various sectors of the economy. The Board advises the National Council for the American Worker.

Discussions at the June meeting will include updates toward achieving the four main goals announced at the inaugural meeting of the Advisory Board:

- **Develop a Campaign to Promote Multiple Pathways to Career Success.** Companies, workers, parents, and policymakers have traditionally assumed that a university degree is the best, or only, path to a middle-class career. Employers and job seekers should be aware of multiple career pathways and skill development opportunities outside of traditional 4-year degrees.
- **Increase Data Transparency to Better Match American Workers with American Jobs.** High-quality, transparent, and timely data can significantly improve the ability of employers, students, job seekers, education providers, and policymakers to make informed choices about

education and employment—especially for matching education and training programs to in-demand jobs and the skills needed to fill them.

- **Modernize Candidate Recruitment and Training Practices.** Employers often struggle to fill job vacancies, yet their hiring practices may actually reduce the pool of qualified job applicants. To acquire a talented workforce, employers must better identify the skills needed for specific jobs and communicate those needs to education providers, job seekers, and students.
- **Measure and Encourage Employer-led Training Investments.** The size, scope, and impacts of education and skills training investments are still not fully understood. There is a lack of consistent data on company balance sheets and in federal statistics. Business and policy makers need to know how much is spent on training, the types of workers receiving training, and the long-term value of the money and time spent in classroom and on-the-job training.

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